

## Army AL&T Magazine Editor-in-Chief Wins Secretary of the Army Award

**C**ongratulations to *Army AL&T* Magazine Editor-in-Chief Mike Roddin, who was presented the Secretary of the Army Editor of the Year Award (Departmental) by Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey and Army Vice Chief of Staff GEN Richard A. Cody at a ceremony held at the Pentagon, May 9, 2005.



Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey (right) confers Army Editor of the Year honors on Mike Roddin as GEN Richard A. Cody (left) applauds. (U.S. Army photo by Cindy Hermes.)

the entire *Army AL&T* Magazine production team.”

“It was professionally rewarding to see *Army AL&T* Magazine selected for this achievement as a premier professional journal over hundreds of other Army peer publications. Magazine production is a team sport and I have been blessed with an extremely talented world-class editorial and production team.”

“Congratulations to the entire government and contractor editorial and production team for a job well done,” Roddin remarked. “Their concerted efforts, creativity and innovation have helped to transform *Army AL&T* Magazine into the publication it is today,” he observed. “In particular, I’d like to recognize Executive Editor Cindy Hermes whose editorial oversight has kept the production staff focused from issue to issue; Meg Williams, former managing editor (now Web Editor), for running daily operations and the production schedule; Debbie Fischer, consummate editor and the magazine’s institutional knowledge for the past 15 years; and Nojae Kim for his exceptional cover layouts and page design.”

“Likewise, I’d like to recognize the superior performance of our newest editorial staff members Elizabeth Connell and Whitney Koeninger,” Roddin praised. “Elizabeth runs daily operations as our new managing editor, and Whitney brings fresh journalistic energy to the magazine’s departments section.”

“Bolstering the production team’s performance behind the scenes are BRTRC Project Director Mara Gecan

Roddin, who also serves as the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center Strategic Communications Director, was recognized for his outstanding writing and editing skills while re-designing and rejuvenating *Army AL&T* Magazine with more color, photography and graphics to produce a superior magazine, at a lower cost to the Army.

Winning the award was a significant accomplishment for both Roddin and

his staff, who have worked tirelessly to produce a first-class Army publication.

“It was definitely an honor and a privilege to be recognized for this prestigious award by Secretary Harvey and GEN Cody,” Roddin said.

“I would like to thank Army Acquisition Executive Claude M. Bolton Jr. and the Editorial Advisory Board for their executive guidance, editorial direction and continued support of

whose expertise and insight keeps the *Army AL&T* Magazine government/contractor team running smoothly; and MAJ Dennis Ellison, who provides the weapons and communications program coordination with the PM [program/project/product management] community and the magazine's military technical expertise," he explained.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't also thank Army Publishing Directorate liaison Bill Creech for his dedicated assistance with press inspections, and Colorcraft's Tim Bowns for the exceptional production and printing expertise he and his staff bring


to our publication," Roddin commented. "Without their attention to detail, our publication wouldn't have the reader appeal it does."

"And last, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank our colleagues in the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology [AL&T] Workforce whose hard work, timely articles, informative news and eye-catching photography help us bring this community to life for our readers," Roddin continued. "Your collective expertise has helped us elevate this magazine to a higher level of precedence for the people who read our product and the organizations, programs and people we profile. Our charter is to tell the Army Acquisition Corps' and AL&T Workforce's story.

The recognition bestowed on the publication is a clear indicator that our editorial team is doing just that," Roddin concluded.



## Call for AAEA Nominations



Army Acquisition Executive Claude M. Bolton Jr. recently created the **Army Acquisition Excellence Award (AAEA)**, which recognizes an Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Workforce individual or team whose performance and contributions set them apart from their peers in directly supporting Soldiers and Army transformation efforts.

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (ASC) Director is calling for

AAEA nominations from all major commands, including major subordinate commands; program executive offices; field operating agencies; Joint and expeditionary organizations; and HQDA. A nominee can be any AL&T Workforce civilian employee or Active Duty — including Reserve Component — Soldier or team who made exceptional acquisition-related contributions from Jan. 1, 2004, to Dec. 31, 2004. All acquisition personnel — from senior management to newly hired interns — can be nominated.

Two nominations, an individual and a team nomination, may be submitted from each organization in the following three categories: Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers' Systems, Information-Enabled Army and Transforming the Way We Do Business. Nominations should include a narrative explaining how the nominee

demonstrated excellence in exceeding the award criteria along with supporting documentation. Submissions may also include a 2-minute video clip describing the nominee's accomplishments and the organization's mission and location.

Nominations are due by July 1, 2005, and should be sent to Director ASC, ATTN: SFAE-HR, 9900 Belvoir Rd., Suite 101, Fort Belvoir, VA, 22060-5567.

For complete AAEA nomination procedures, go to [http://asc.army.mil/info/awards/acq\\_excellence.cfm](http://asc.army.mil/info/awards/acq_excellence.cfm) or contact Acquisition Project Officer Roberta McMillen at (703) 805-1017.

Winners will be announced in the November-December 2005 edition of *Army AL&T* Magazine.